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SUBJ: CAMBODIAN REFUGEES IN THAILAND: CASE OF NIEV NGET

REF: A. UDORN 937, SEP 27, 1975

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FOR (IATF)

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES CERTAIN CLARIFICATIONS IN THIS CASE WILL PROVE HELPFUL.

2. NIEV NGET INFORMED CONOFF IN TWO SEPARATE INTERVIEWS THAT HE WAS NOT REPEAT NOT FORMER PROVINCE GOVERNOR, BUT RETIRED DISTRICT CHIEF, HAVING LEFT JOB FOUR YEARS AGO.

NOTE: DISTRICT CHIEF IS MUCH LESS IMPORTANT POSITION THAN PROVINCE GOVERNOR.

3. WITH NO ACTIVE ASSOCIATION WITH LON NOL GOVERNMENT, SUBJECT COULD NOT JUSTIFIABLY HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN LIMITED NUMBERS ALLOCATED T HIGH RISK CATEGORY, WHICH BASICALLY COMPRISED HIGH-RANKING MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICALS ON ACTIVE DUTY WHEN CAMBODIA FELL. DECISION IN JULY TO EXCLUDE SUBJECT FROM HIGH-RISK ALLOCATION WAS NOT THAT HIS CASE FALLS OUTSIDE PAROLE CRITERIA. HE IS INDEED HIGH-RISK IN THAT HE DOES FACE PERSECUTION IF REPATRIATED, (DEFINITION IN STATE 192482), BUT EQUALLY HIGH-RISK ARE THOUSANDS OF OTHER CAMBODIANS NOW IN THAILAND, PARTICULARLY ANTI-COMMUNIST MILITARY OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN SOME UNCLASSIFIED

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WHO WERE TRAINED BY OR WORKED FOR U.S. FORCES, AND WHICH

IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO EXCLUDE FROM PAROLE CONSIDERATION
BECAUSE INSUFFICIENT HIGH-RISK NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE.

4. UNEXPECTED EXPANSION OF SUBJECT'S FAMILY GROUP, ORIGINALLY
ONLY 11, THEN 13, AND 14 ON FINAL VISIT TO CAMP, INCLUDING
TWO NEW-FOUND NIECES AND ONE NEPHEW, PREVIOUSLY PRESENT
IN CAMP, BUT NEVER BEFORE REPORTED AS FAMILY MEMBERS, HAS
ADDED TO OUR DIFFICULTIES WITH THIS CASE.

5. IT APPEARS THAT VIEV NGET HAS SON IN NONIMMIGRANT
STUDENT STATUS IN U.S., WHICH DOES NOT QUALIFY HIS FAMILY
HERE UNDER CATEGORY I, ALTHOUGH SUCH GENERAL AUTHORIZATION
WAS REQUESTED, NOR HAS IT BEEN POSSIBLE, BECAUSE OF NUMBER
LIMITATIONS, TO INCLUDE SIMILAR NONIMMIGRANT RELATIVE CASES
IN HIGH-RISK ALLOCATION FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS.

6. IF INS CO BELIEVES THAT NIEV NGET CASE IS ONE WHICH, IN
LIGHT OF FOREGOING, PARTICULARLY MERITS PAROLE AS HIGH-RISK,
WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING BASIS FOR DETERMINATION.
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